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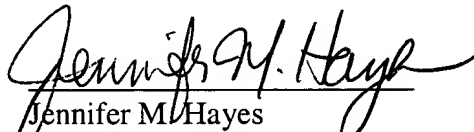
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EP 0 577 023 A corresponds to US 5,468,764. Also submitted is an English language abstract.

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